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COLLEGE HEIGHTS

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(Above) **Kayla Shelton, a sophomore from Gallatin, Tenn.,** screams, “more than 54” at the Student Government Association’s walk out on Thursday. The SGA held a walk out in protest to the low amount of money that Western recieved from the state. (Below) Students sign a banner displaying their displeasure of the increase in Western’s tuition during the walk out Thursday. SGA claims that the tuition hike is due to a drop in state funding for Western.

WALK OUT

WESTERN

SGA plans future action to protest lack of state money

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

Senators sported red shirts asking Frankfort to “do the math” and “Give us more than 54 percent of a chance” at their walk out Thursday.

The slogan referred to the 54 percent of the Council on Postsecondary Education budget recommendation Western received from the state.

The CPE will submit a new budget to legislators for approval soon, and the walk out is SGA’s first step toward trying to get more money for state universities.

There is some uncertainty about what other actions state student governments will take and how state officials will respond.

MAKING AN IMPACT

SGA President Jeanne Johnson said she wants the walk out to bring funding for higher education to the front of the campaigns for gubernatorial candidates.



EVAN SISLEY/HERALD

SGA is also sending letters and a video of the walk out and students speaking about budget cuts to the candidates.

Johnson said SGA will show the video to Board of Student Body Presidents members to persuade the student governments at other universities to hold similar walk outs.

BSBP is a special interest group of student government presidents at public universities who lobby legislators for more money

WALKING OUT

SGA organized the walk out to show legislators that students need more money, despite some criticism from students and faculty that the walk out wouldn’t be effective.

SGA asked students to sign a banner to be sent to the gubernatorial candidates.

SEE **WALK OUT**, PAGE 7

Western received **54** percent of the CPE budget recommendation from the state.

Eighteen teams take on the Two Day Film Challenge

CHRIS BYRNE
Herald reporter

Eighteen teams spent Friday night talking about ways to kill Jose de Lugo.

Jose wasn’t in any real trouble. He was a made-up character who was part of the Two Day Film Challenge this weekend.

Teams competed for a \$1,000 top prize and various lesser prizes.

The challenge began at 7 p.m. in the Mass Media and Technology Hall auditorium. Teams met there to get the five variables required in their film: genre, prop, dialogue, character and location. The variables were drawn randomly.

The results forced teams to make a horror film based in outer space. One character needed to be Jose de Lugo, an illegal immigrant. The prop was a full-size Vietnam-era F-4 Phantom. The dialogue was, “At long last ... at the very end ... have you no sense of

decency?”

The variables didn’t have to be key components in the films, but judging is partly based on how well the variables tie in with the overall film, said Steve White, journalism and broadcasting professor and co-founder of the Two Day Film Challenge.

One of the teams was “Ante Up Esau,” started by Joel McAfee, an alumnus from Greenwood, Ark. McAfee said his team won second place overall and the audience award last year.

This year, he formed a team by joining with “Lil’ Dragon Entertainment,” a production team started by Nashville resident Gabe McCauley that enters various other 48-hour film challenges. McCauley said his team has won the audience award in five out of nine contests. McCauley’s films are available at www.gabemccauley.com.



JAKE STEVENS/HERALD

(Left to right) **Hartford senior Daniel Grantham, and co-directors** Gabe McCauley of Nashville and Joel McAfee, a senior from Greenwood, Ark., use an improvised dolly made of skateboard wheels to steady the camera while making their film.

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Campus thefts on upswing in October

CHRIS BYRNE
Herald reporter

Campus police have reported an upswing of thefts from vehicles this month.

There have also been large amounts of graffiti appearing in campus parking lots, but campus police say there’s no reason to believe the two are connected.

There were 15 reported thefts from vehicles in October. There were four thefts from parking structure 1, two thefts from the University Boulevard lot and two from the Kentucky Street lot. There was one theft each from the Dogwood lot, parking structure 2 and 14th Avenue lot.

Stereos were stolen in nine of the 15 thefts. In many of those thefts, cars were forced open or windows were broken, according to campus police crime reports.

Many new stereos have a detachable faceplate, said Capt. Mike Dowell, public information officer with the campus police.

It’s best if students can take it inside with them, he said.

“Other than taking the stereo in with you, you can’t do a lot about it,” Dowell said.

Dowell said locking doors is the most important step to deterring theft, but thieves will do whatever they can to take things they want.

Graffiti has also increased this month. Officer John Bailey said he has noticed the graffiti around campus.

Most of the graffiti seems to be done with a black marker, although it might be some sort of paint, Bailey said.

There is evidence that one person is doing much of the tagging. Some of the graffiti have the same infomation and tag symbols in common, but it mostly varies, he said.

It’s important to note that there are two different issues going on, said Barry Pruitt, public information officer for Bowling Green Police.

Graffiti and theft from vehicles are typically not related, Pruitt said.

“It’s probably not gang graffiti,” Pruitt said.

Dowell said students should use caution in areas recently affected by those crimes.

“If they feel uncomfortable, then our escort service will be more than happy to help them,” he said.

The escort service provides a student or police escort for people walking campus from dusk until dawn. An escort can be requested by calling campus police at 745-2548.

Any suspicious behavior should be reported to campus police, Dowell said. Immediate reports can be the difference between catching somebody and not catching somebody.

Reach Chris Byrne
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2DAY

BY THE NUMBERS

178,480

Estimated number of new cases of invasive breast cancer that will be diagnosed among women in 2007.

1/4

Excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer accounts for more than 1 in 4 cancers diagnosed in United States women.

95

Percentage of new cases of breast cancer that ocured in women aged 40 and older from 2000-2004.

Source: www.cancer.org



WHAT'S

going on

OCT. 30 - NOV. 5

OCT. 30
KY Grazing Conference
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Agricultural Exposition Center
Contact: Garry Lacefield, 745-3976

Concert: Marty Christian
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Place: Java City
Contact: University Libraries, 745-4502

Big Red Bench Off
Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Place: Preston Center
Contact: Alexis Bell, 745-6531

Haunted Hill Tours
Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Place: various haunted locations
Contact: Hannah George, 745-3296

Lecture: Columnist Nick Clooney
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: DUC Theater
Contact: Terry Reagan, 745-6488

Cultural Enhancement Series: Jeff Corwin
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Place: Van Meter auditorium
Contact: Cultural Enhancement Series, 745-5204

OCT. 31
Concert: Shadowdancer
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
Place: Java City
Contact: University Libraries, 745-4502

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Time: 11:30 p.m.
Place: Capitol Arts Center

Nov. 1
Biology 121 Skin Cancer Information Fair
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: Front of Thompson Complex Central Wing
Contact: Cheryl D. Davis, 745-6524

Fall Career Expo
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Carroll Knicely Conference Center
Contact: Career Services, 745-3095

British Debates
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: fine arts center recital hall
Contact: communication department

Concert: Bowling Green Western Chamber Orchestra
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: First Baptist Church in Bowling Green
Contact: Bill Scott, 745-3751

Will and Nate
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Mugshotz Coffee House

Nov. 2
Board of Regents quarterly meeting
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Cornelius Martin Regents Room, Mass Media and Technology Hall
Contact: media relations, 745-4295

Nov. 3
Black Student Alliance Battle of the Classes
Time: 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Place: DUC South Lawn
Contact: Jessica Sutherland, (502) 551-9466

WKU Jazz Band Concert
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Capitol Arts Center
Contact: Marshall Scott

Nov. 4
Tuba Recital
Time: 3 p.m.
Place: fine arts center
Contact: Kent Eshelman, 745-5893

Nov. 5
Kentucky Organ Donor Sign-ups
Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Downing University Center
Contact: Kim Botner, 745-2955

French Horn Studio Recital
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: FAC recital hall
Contact: music department, 745-3751

Guitar Ensemble Recital
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: FAC recital hall
Contact: John Martin, 745-3751

Concert: Bowling Green Western Chamber Orchestra and WKU choral
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: First Baptist Church
Contact: Paul Hondorp, 745-3751

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REPORTS

◆ Facilities management reported on Oct. 25 a battery stolen from a university green Chevrolet C-30 dump truck and replaced with an older battery. The value of the theft was \$89.

◆ John Roberts, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Oct. 25 his cell phone stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was \$200.

◆ Helm Library reported on Oct. 24 damages to a change collection box when somebody tried to pry it open. The value of the damage was \$100.

◆ Christopher Drury, McLean Hall, reported on Oct. 24 his center console damaged

and stock stereo stolen from his 2001 Chevrolet Blazer in parking structure 1. The value of the theft and damages was \$1,200.

◆ Charita Shy, Bates-Runner Hall, reported on Oct. 23 her dashboard damaged and car stereo stolen from her 1998 Chevrolet Blazer in parking structure 1. The value of the theft and damage was \$500.

ARRESTS

◆ Aliesha M. Flora, Poland Hall, was arrested on Oct. 26 and charged with careless driving, driving under the influence under 21 first offense, possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle and posses-

sion of alcoholic beverage by a minor. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on court order.

◆ Brandon R. Price, 1801 Morgantown Road, was arrested on Oct. 26 and charged with reckless driving, driving under the influence first offense, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

◆ Robert E. Miller, 204 Old Morgantown Road, was arrested on Oct. 23 and charged with alcohol intoxication third offense. He was released from Warren County jail on Oct. 26 on time served.

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BOWLING GREEN

Rain eases dry conditions, but is too late to help crops

CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

Warren County was on its way to having the driest year since the late 1800s until it rained last week.

There was about 6.9 inches of rain last week, said Stuart Foster, director of the Kentucky Climate Center.

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities officials have lifted the water shortage alert and put the county on an advisory, said Miles McDaniel, manager of business development and marketing at BGMU.

Warren County residents are still being asked to actively conserve water.

The area is still 12 inches below the average rain level for this time of year.

The advisory will continue until it rains enough to ease the drought, McDaniel said.

It must rain a few more times, similar to the amount of rain last week, during the next 30 to 60 days to relieve drought conditions.

An area of high pressure caused the drought, Foster said.

After a drought begins, it continues because dry air causes warmer temperatures, which keeps the air dry.

Last week's rain was caused by a front that pulled moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and stayed over the region, Foster said.

The rain didn't help local farmers' crops this year, said David Newsom, assistant farm agent at the Agriculture Research and Education Complex.

"We're glad to have it, but it's a little too late to be beneficial," he said.

The rain made pastures greener and helped fill ponds.

People who tend the

University Farm lost about half of their hay and most of the soybeans they planted this year, Newsom said.

The rain put moisture in the ground for next year's crops, said Joanna Coles, an agent for the Warren County agriculture extension office. But farmers still need more rain to make the next growing season successful.

Newsom said the farmers at the farm are hoping for a normal year but they're going to be prepared for another drought because they don't know what the weather will do.

Foster said he can't predict what will happen because just as many droughts are followed by flooding as are followed by other droughts.

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FACILITIES

Workshops and classes teach professors about technology

CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

When some students walk in early to a class that's in a computer lab, they sit down at a computer and log on to www.facebook.com or a blog.

Associate Advertising Professor Cliff Shaluta said he thinks professors should learn how to use new Internet technology that students already know and are comfortable with when they come to college.

Western officials are encouraging professors to incorporate such resources into their curriculum.

Technologies, such as blogs or other social networking sites, online discussion boards and podcasts are free tools that professors can experiment with.

Professors should use technology that enhances learning or makes it easier, Academic Technology Director John Bowers said.

Hesaid Academic Technology offers workshops for professors to learn about new technology.

Some topics include record-

ing and editing podcasts and using Blackboard. Workshop dates are listed on atech.wku.edu/workshop.

This semester, professors in the School of Journalism and Broadcasting are offering an optional class on Thursdays and Saturdays about incorporating technology into the classroom, Assistant Advertising professor Mark Simpson said.

Journalism professors teach the other professors how to use new media Web sites and Apple programs, such as iChat and Garageband, to enhance students' learning, he said.

Shaluta said he learned about wiki discussion boards at a convention and decided to use them in his classes to post assignments and for students to communicate with each other for projects.

He wasn't completely sure how to use them but he asked the class for help.

"I said to the class, 'I don't know all about this, but I bet you do,'" he said.

The students helped him learn, he said.

Bowers said wiki discussion

boards can help students who aren't good at in-class discussions.

Associate History Professor John Hardin said he records podcasts of his lectures and uploads them on Blackboard.

He either uses prerecorded podcasts or records them during class with a digital recorder. Then he converts the file to an mp3 file, he said.

Since the podcasts are all audio, they work best for "data driven" subjects, such as history.

The podcasts are a supplement to the class; students are still required to attend, he said.

Jason Marchant, a sophomore from Hampton, Ga., said he listens to the podcasts.

He uses them to listen to the class lectures without distractions, such as other students' questions, and to hear things he might have missed while taking notes.

Marchant said it's his second time taking the history class, and the podcasts have helped him do better this time.

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CAMPUS LIFE



ERIC PASKAN/HERALD

Mount Sterling freshman Nate Spicer, dressed as George Weasley from the Harry Potter series, is attacked by Columbia freshman Matt Downen, who is dressed as Aragog, another character from the books. Members of the Honors College celebrated Halloween of Friday with a Harry Potter-themed party in McLean Hall.

Honors students party like it's Halloween at Hogwarts

LAUREL WILSON
Herald reporter

Characters such as Tonks, Dobby, Bellatrix, Moaning Myrtle and Voldemort chowed down on butterbeer, cockroach clusters, licorice wands and Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans.

It was part of the Honors College Harry Halloween party in McLean Hall on Friday.

The party was labeled as honors, but anyone was welcome to attend. Participants dressed up as characters from the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

Glasgow sophomore Gerrit Steenbergen, co-organizer of the party, said he enjoys the books.

He decided to organize the party to have fun, get dressed up and socialize.

Most students at the party were dressed as characters from the series.

"I'm a huge Harry Potter fan," said Bardstown freshman Lindsey Filiatreau, who was dressed as Hermione.

Another fan of the books, Covington freshman Jill Daniels, appeared not to be in costume. However, she said she was dressed as the character Ginny in muggle clothes. Muggles are nonmagical people in the books. Daniels has red hair, as does the character.

Other costumes included Harry, Ron, Fred and George, Professor Umbridge, Rita Skeeter, Oliver Wood and a snitch.

"I didn't have any stuff to be a person, so I just thought of random stuff in Harry Potter and came up with the snitch,"

said Cincinnati freshman Megan Edwards, who won the costume contest.

Not everyone was dressed as in Harry Potter theme. There were a pirate, a cat and Cleopatra.

"This is the only costume I had. I wish I had a robe," said Leitchfield sophomore Lizabeth Likens, who dressed as Cleopatra.

The McLean community room was decorated with streamers and balloons that were black and gold, which are colors for Hogwarts, the school for witchcraft and wizardry in the series. Above each couch was the logo of one of the four Hogwarts houses, into which students are grouped.

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PEOPLE
POLL

What do you think President Ransdell should be for Halloween?



Amanda Haycraft
Leitchfield freshman

"Albus Dumbledore, because he leads the school really well like Albus did for Hogwarts."



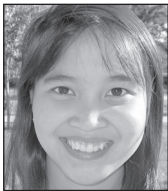
B.A. Forrest
Bowling Green junior

"A big dollar sign, for all the money he's getting on campus. A hundred dollar bill costume, if they have that, with Ben Franklin on it."



Travis Salazar
Louisville junior

"Mr. Burns, from the Simpsons. Because he's tall and skinny, I guess. Mostly because it would be funny and random."



Hanh Vu
Vietnam sophomore

"He should wear something like a crazy devil costume, to show that he's got the most power."

OPINION

Tuesday, October 30, 2007
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky
www.wkuherald.com

STAFF EDITORIAL

Bringing scary back

This Halloween, why not find a scary costume, rather than selling out to the 'sex sells' theme

Halloween is almost here. There's a chill in the air and leaves are turning brown, crunchy and dead. Pumpkins sit on front porches while fake globs of spider webs are tangled up in trees. It's the perfect atmosphere for a scary Halloween evening.

Unfortunately, costumes aren't so scary nowadays.

Does anyone remember the good ol' Halloween days, when we dressed like witches, goblins or ghosts? Now those witches are in mini-skirts, suggestively straddling their brooms. Those goblins aren't little acne-covered monsters — now they're in spandex outfits outlining every crease, crevice and curve in their body. And lets not even get started on the current ghost costumes. Ghosts are supposed to be transparent; not your clothes.

Granted, most of us agree that we are a little too old to go trick-or-treating, but that doesn't mean we have to lose the Halloween we used to enjoy when we were young.

Halloween is not a time to walk around half naked or wear something so offensive that you wouldn't normally wear it any other time of year.

If you want to dress like Snow White, then dress like Snow White. But remember that in the Disney movie she wasn't in a mini-skirt, fishnets or a halter top.

Also, watch what message your costume conveys. Are you going to regret when those pictures of you dressed as a giant condom surface on the internet the next day?

Let's bring scary back; let's bring the creativity of Halloween costumes back. Has anyone ever thought about dressing up as Doug Funny (you know you loved that cartoon), the Hamburgular or a scary, non-sexy witch?



ANNIE ERSKINE/HERALD

We bet you'll stand out from the crowd. And you'll probably have more fun. More clothing coverage can allow you to dance more freely and not worry about what might slip out if your costume is a little snug. If your costume is unique, you'll probably get more compliments.

And you definitely won't have to worry about what pictures will surface on Facebook the next day.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 11-member editorial board.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People must defend themselves

Dr. Tice's belief that Western's Police Department can provide for the safety of students and faculty is an indication of how deep his head is in the sand. Sir, NO police department can protect you or anyone else from the invasion of a crazed, gun-toting individual intent on doing lethal harm. To believe otherwise is naive. The only protection a person has from such an invasion is the ability to defend himself. You see, once it starts it is too late to call the cops. Oh they will respond, and they will neutralize the perpetrator one way or another, if he hasn't already done so himself, but who have they provided safety for? Certainly not for those dead on the floor. Who did the Virginia Tech officers protect? This is a very serious matter so long as there are crazies out there who do such things. A student who can't defend himself from lethal attack has no protection. And neither do you. It is true that the thought of concealed-carry on campus seems risky, even frightening because it is uncharted territory. But there is little doubt that fewer would have perished at Virginia Tech if some of those students (or teachers) had been armed.

David Gordon
Bowling Green

*Retired Western police officer
'71, '81 WKU graduate*

Nothing wrong with starting small

I am writing in response to the staff editorial dismissing the SGA "Walk Out Western" campaign. The general message of the article is that unless students are willing to cause a huge (possibly violent) commotion, their efforts don't matter. If the editorial staff really wanted a change, wouldn't it be more productive to help spark student's interest in the cause rather than bash it? As people who help run one of the largest student news sources on campus, maybe the Herald should consider promoting student efforts. How can you expect student activists to get national news when their own school paper sheds better light on the Chess960 tournament than their attempts for change? So the SGA is starting small, doesn't everyone have to? Two out of the three radical examples you gave resulted in death. However, they were protesting drastic global issues. (I.e. Communism and the American invasion of Cambodia) But tuition increases? While important, NOT a global issue mandating drastic, violent acts of rebellion. Maybe next time students attempt to rally for a cause the "majority opinion of the 11-member editorial board" should be to help the select students who are trying to make a change instead of belittling their efforts.

Katie Nedvidek
Danville sophomore

COMMENTARY

What I learned while others walked out of class last week



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While a number of my peers walked out of their classes and participated in the Walk Out Western event endorsed by the Student Government Association, I decided to stay in my class and learn. After my class was dismissed, I ventured to the Colonnade to attend the rally, where I signed a banner and listened to speakers

such as executive vice president Johnathon Boles, President Jeanne Johnson and Senator Kevin Smiley.

I decided not to walk out of my class with the primary explanation being I have an upcoming blue book exam in the mentioned class. I figured I would need the additional instructional time, and I am content with my decision. The professor of the course did encourage students to attend the event after our class concluded for the day. No student walked out of the class, and I guess the advertised free pizza on the flyer did not swerve their intentions.

While others journeyed to a former football stadium to take a stand for higher education, my political science class dis-

cussed human rights, the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court (ICC). Earlier in the class, we discussed the Armenian genocide, the Geneva Conventions, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). It is interesting to note that I learned the United States is the only developed nation that has not ratified the CEDAW, which came into force in September 1981.

During the last 10 minutes of class, I learned the Rome Statute established the ICC in July 1998, and it entered into force in July 2002. The statute needed to be ratified by

60 states before the treaty and court could come into force, and Russia was the 60th state to ratify the legislation.

The ICC prosecutes individuals for the crime of aggression, crimes against humanity and genocide. The bench consists of 18 judges, and the ICC has a President, first Vice-President and second Vice-President. Philippe Kirsch, a Canadian, serves as President, and he was elected in March 2006.

The goal of the ICC is to try individuals for crimes committed during office, and the topic of terrorism is not addressed by court. Some states have not ratified it over issues of sovereignty and the definitions of the crimes. Others have not ratified it because the court relies

on the states to hand over the individuals.

I applaud the efforts of the students who protest the General Assembly's failure to adequately fund Western based upon the recommendation of the Council on Postsecondary Education, and I was surprised by the turnout at the Colonnade. I hope legislators "do the math" and adequately fund the Hill in the future, and I encourage students to attend upcoming SGA events like Campus Clean-up, which has been a tradition since the presidency of Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry.

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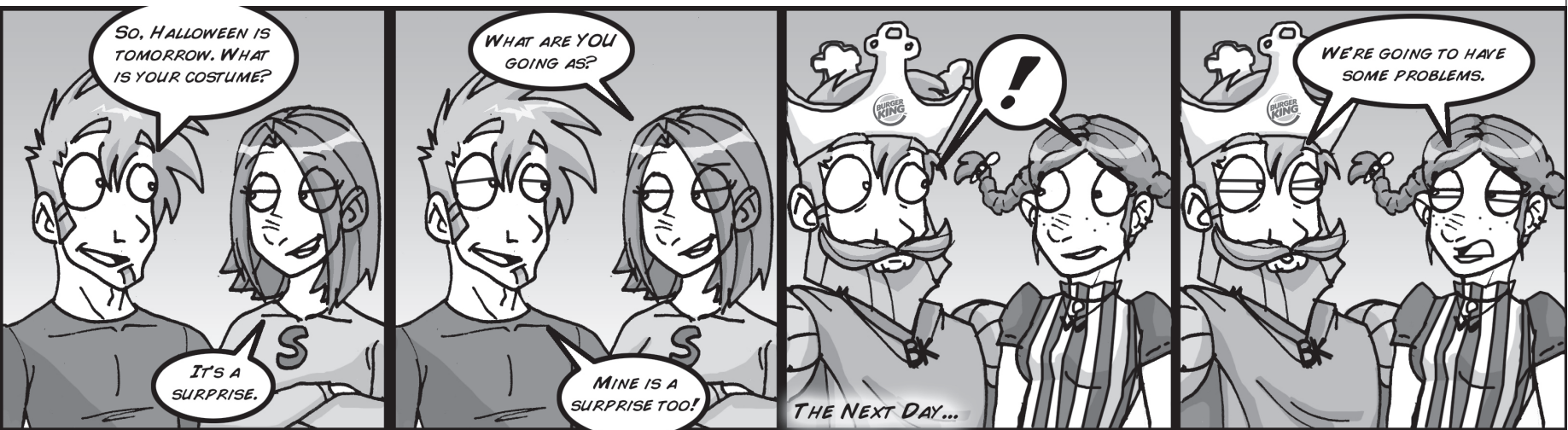
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“I’ve seen many hoodlums, but never any ghosts.”

Larkin Ridder
Owner, House on Haunted Hill

Hauntings around the Hill

Columnist Heather Ryan investigates local ghost stories

HEATHER RYAN
Herald reporter

Lynwood Montell, former Western professor and writer of books about Kentucky ghosts, said he’s heard many ghost stories about the Bowling Green area.

Montell said Western’s campus also has many legends about ghosts and spirits that are well-known throughout the community.

This past month, I took a flashlight and a tape recorder to investigate some of those frightening tales. Here’s what happened:

The Phantom of Van Meter

Supposedly, a man fell to his death from the balcony in Van Meter Hall. Legend has it that no matter how many times the floor is replaced, his blood stains still seep through.

Unfortunately, I never discovered monsters or ghosts lurking in Van Meter. I did, however, meet a security guard who probably thought I was a vandal when I was trying to find an unlocked door.

Cravens Library Horrors

Legend has it that a student fell to his death from a ninth-floor window when trying to open it after a long night of studying.

I looked around the windows and found nothing. No ghosts tried to push me out like some people said it would. The only eerie feeling I got was when I looked out the window and thought about falling. That was scary enough.

The Haunting of Mattie McLean

In the lobby of McLean Hall, there is a rumor that the painting of Mattie McLean will smile at you if you stare long enough.

It only took a few moments of gawking at the painting to realize that it appeared as if McLean was snickering at me. That’s when I booked it out the door.

House on Haunted Hill

Driving toward a house out in the middle of nowhere off of Barren River Road, my stomach was turning knots.

The house looked like something out of a horror film, including barely-there walls and hanging window frames.

There, I met Larkin Ritter, the owner of the house, who said it was built after the civil war.

Ritter has been giving wood from the house to other people to use for redevelopment of the downtown historic district.

I was a little sad this house wasn’t the haunted house I had always suspected it to be, but I asked Ritter if he’d ever seen any ghosts around anyway.

“I’ve seen many hoodlums, but never any ghosts,” he said. “But they can be scarier. Ghosts can be nice.”

Ritter said he’s found these “hoodlums” building meth labs, throwing parties and trying to live in the house.

So much for the ghosts. But I guess I would rather meet up with a ghost than hoodlum meth addict.

The Cemetery

My last stop was Pioneer Cemetery across the street from the Roland Bland Skate Park.

Mooresville junior Arron Roberts has hunted ghost there a couple times. He said he’s never seen anything, but it does evoke an “eerie, creepy feeling.”

I didn’t necessarily get a eerie or creepy feeling, but I was scared to death when a couple of dogs ran toward me at the cemetery. Fortunately, they weren’t the zombie canines of Resident Evil.

After three weeks of ghost hunting and no ghosts found, you’d think I’d be disappointed. But I’m not discouraged at all.

It was interesting to explore some of the ghost stories I had heard about in the area and find out if they were fact, fiction or in between.

How can anyone ever really know when there isn’t someone from “the other side” lurking around anyway?

Maybe all those times I didn’t find anything or see anything, it wasn’t because they didn’t exist. Maybe it was because they didn’t want to be found.

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▶ HALLOWEEN BRIEFS

Haunted Hill Tours

Today is the last day to discover all the spooky haunts and hideouts on Western’s campus. The Haunted Hill Tours are wrapping up tonight.

The tour begins at the Colonnade and lasts about 30 minutes. It leaves every 15 minutes from 6-10 p.m. and costs \$6 for the public and \$3 for students and children.

The tour takes participants to various supposedly haunted spots including Potter, Van Meter and Florence Schneider

halls, said Jennifer Mize Smith, assistant communication professor and Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society adviser.

This event raises money for the honor society to use for traveling to their national convention in November.

About 20-25 people attended Sunday night, Mize Smith said. She expects around 50 people to attend tonight.

Scream-o-grams

Students can send screams and sweets to their friends in

class this week.

The Folklore Club is selling scream-o-grams in Downing University Center and Java City today and tomorrow.

Recipients of scream-o-grams will get a black balloon and a small basket of candy.

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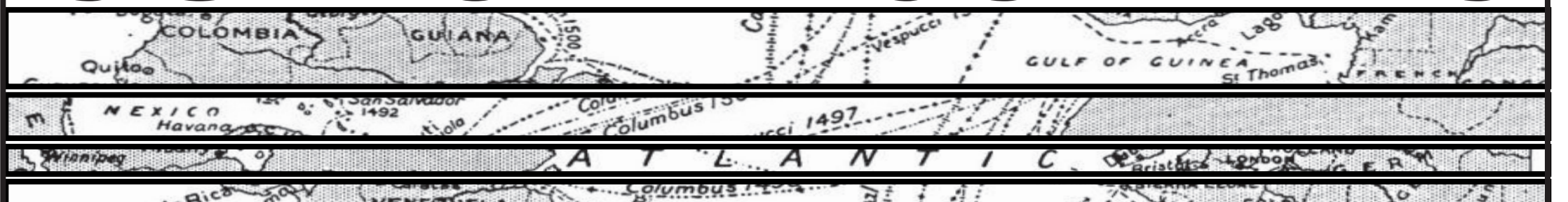
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WALK OUT

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Senators called the offices of gubernatorial candidates Steve Beshear and Gov. Ernie Fletcher, and students chanted “More than 54.”

Johnson gave a speech at the walk out, which she said increased awareness.

“Every time Frankfort cuts the budget, we have to make up the difference,” Johnson said.

Scottsville senior Devin Wood said she walked out of class against her teacher’s wishes.

Wood said the walk out was important because tuition continues to increase, but students don’t see benefits such as more art supplies and labs.

“It’s a cause,” Wood said. “It would be more beneficial if it were larger, but you have to start somewhere.”

Madisonville senior Chandra McDonald said she was in the fine arts center when the event started, so she decided to see what was going on.

She said she doesn’t think the walk out will be effective.

Ogden College Dean Blaine Ferrell said the impression department heads gave him is that the walk out won’t achieve its purpose as well as it would if other universities participated.

Some action was necessary, but the protest would have been better if it wasn’t during class, he said.

“It’s kind of like shooting yourself in the foot, but it needs to be done,” he said.

President Gary Ransdell said stabilizing tuition is possible, but tuition will never decrease

because it’s not practical, especially considering inflation.

He said the walk out helped spread the message about the need for more state funding.

“It’s good to hear from students on these types of matters as long as we’re not playing a blame game or being unrealistic in the expectation,” he said.

Officials plan to stabilize tuition at a 6 percent increase next year through the 2011-12 academic year.

Rally to the cause

SGA’s usual efforts to get legislators’ attention is in question.

SGA goes to Frankfort for a rally sponsored by BSBP every February to lobby and raise awareness about budget cuts. But there might not be enough money for the rally this year.

Last year, board leaders didn’t leave enough money in the budget for a rally this year, said David Fifer, president of Eastern Kentucky University’s Student Government Association and BSBP chairman.

Rally funds come from leftover money in the BSBP budget from previous year, Fifer said.

BSBP gets money from dues from student governments and uses it to meet with legislators and send out letters, he said.

SGA paid \$2,000 this year for membership in the BSBP.

Johnson said it’s possible that SGA will use some remaining money in its budget to send people to Frankfort to lobby.

Capital plans

CPE will recommend money for universities by Nov. 5 to be approved by the governor and legislators.

CPE’s responsibility is to work with institutions on a

funding approach and make a budget request to Frankfort.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education released a report in fall 2006 that gave Kentucky an “F” in affordability for higher education.

The center considers families’ ability to pay and amount of financial aid given to students when giving the grades, said Daphne Borromeo, director of communication for the center. The issue is more complex than state funding considerations.

Net college costs represented about 40 percent of family income, she said.

According to a press release, Kentucky makes a very low investment in need-based financial aid compared with top-performing states.

One reason universities don’t receive the full recommendation is they have to compete with things such as teacher pay, health care, and K-12 schools for money, said John Hayek, CPE interim vice president for finance.

Kentucky Speaker of the House Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said a large part of the reason the actual amount of money was less than the recommendation was because Fletcher vetoed building projects.

Richards said he’ll fight for more money when the next budget is up for approval.

The governor said his vetoes were necessary to reduce the high amount of state debt approved by legislators, the Herald previously reported.

The upcoming budget will determine funding through the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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WHAT’S YOUR STORY?



SCOTT MCINTYRE/HERALD

Emily Eisenbrey

Freshman dances to her own beat

EMILY ULBER
Herald reporter

Like many college students, Louisville freshman Emily Eisenbrey loves to go out dancing. But instead of getting sweaty at a club, she prefers the salsa and waltz.

Eisenbrey studied ballroom dancing for about two years. Her passion for ballroom dancing came about when a friend told her about Ballroom East, a dance studio in Louisville.

Eisenbrey’s friend invited her to attend a ballroom class, and after that, she was hooked.

“I had so much fun, I just kept coming back,” she said.

At Ballroom East, the students were exposed to many different kinds of dance. The class would focus on a specific kind of ballroom dance each month, including the waltz, the mambo, the salsa and the quick-step.

“My two favorite dances are the salsa and the bolero,” Eisenbrey said. “They’re really

passionate and when I’m dancing, I’m like this character, and I really get into it.”

Eisenbrey said that her favorite dances normally depend on her mood. She is also a big fan of the waltz.

Eisenbrey said that the popularity of ballroom dancing often depends on the season, she said.

“When ‘Dancing With the Stars’ is on, we normally had a bigger crowd,” she said, laughing.

Eisenbrey also said that she was one of the youngest people in her class.

“I don’t think (younger people) know too much about it,” she said. “The majority of the people in my class were around 40 or 50 years old.”

University of Louisville sophomore Boris Yelin has been dancing with Eisenbrey since she started dancing at Ballroom East. Yelin admires Eisenbrey’s dedication to dancing.

“You can see it in her face,” Yelin said. “She always tries

really hard and always wants to learn new things.”

Eisenbrey takes a tap dancing class at Western and is interested in starting a ballroom dancing club. She said the club is still in the planning stages, but several people have expressed interest in joining.

Evansville freshman Gretchen Biel is in Eisenbrey’s tap dancing class.

“Sometimes she practices before class,” Biel said. “When she talks about it, you can tell she has a real passion for it.”

While Biel has had no formal ballroom training, she is planning on helping Eisenbrey start the club.

Yelin said that Eisenbrey has discussed her plans to start a ballroom club with him.

“I just tell her it’s going to be a lot of hard work,” Yelin said. “But if she gets it off the ground, it will be well worth it.”

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FILM

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8 p.m. Friday.

Ante Up Esau went to a member’s home on Park Street and began planning a script almost immediately.

Eight people sat around Bowling Green residents Dave and Rose McGee’s living room and pitched ideas. Dave McGee is an alumnus.

Members trickled in and out throughout the night.

The first major decision was to incorporate comedy into the script.

Originally, McCauley wanted to start out seriously, then end with over-the-top comedy, but he considered a straight horror ending as well.

“It’s hard to get people to scream,” McCauley said. “We could start out funny, and end up with something jacked, but it’s harder to pull off.”

Team members finished planning nine hours after they began, at about 5 a.m.

8 a.m. Saturday.

McAfee woke up early and began planning the day.

Team members started shooting at about 11 a.m., which was a little later than they had wanted to start. By 12:30 p.m., they had finished shooting several opening

scenes before changing locations.

1 p.m. Saturday

Angie Campbell, a senior from Athens, Ala., bounced down the stairs wearing a green dress, gold shoes, multi-colored fairy wings adorned with glitter and a curly bleach-blond wig. She looked up toward McAfee and McCauley when she reached the bottom of the stairs.

“Do it again, but be cuter about it!” McCauley said with a smirk.

It took the crew about 30 minutes to record 30 seconds of footage.

3:30 p.m. Saturday

Group members met at a house where most of the shooting took place. They went over last minute changes to the script.

“OK, we need to start moving,” McAfee said at 4:06 p.m.

It was another 40 minutes before they began shooting. They finished 10 takes in seven minutes, but didn’t wrap up filming until midnight.

From 7 p.m. Saturday until about 6:30 p.m, the crew edited.

6 p.m. Sunday

Two teams sat in Mass Media third-floor labs and frantically tried to finish editing their films.

“It’s crunch time,” said Darius Barati, a Team Mushy Minus Matt member. “We should get it done, but it’s going to be tough.”

Fistful of Films team member Wil Pedigo said members had been working all 48 hours.

6:50 p.m. Sunday

Five teams had turned in their tapes.

“It’s pretty sparse up here ...” White said.

By 6:57 p.m. six more teams had turned in the necessary paperwork and tapes, but seven teams were still missing.

Three teams arrived after 6:57 p.m. Two teams sprinted full speed to the front of the auditorium to get their tapes on the front desk — one person hurdling over the auditorium chairs.

Ante Up Esau strolled in at about 6:58 p.m. and casually finished paperwork. McAfee walked the tape up to the desk with about 20 seconds to spare.

McGee said such contests always run close on time.

“We go down to the last possible second,” McGee said. “If you’re lucky enough to finish early, then you watch it and try to find imperfections.”

Four groups were unable to finish their tapes in time.

The winners will be announced during the two-hour premiere on Thursday in the Mass Media auditorium.

The top 10 videos will be shown, and there are a lot of giveaways, White said.

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JAKE STEVENS/HERALD

HOME

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“It’s always great to end your career with a championship,” senior Amanda Adams said. “We had a good Sun Belt, and going to (NCAA) regionals, the competition is a lot stronger, so we are going to have to do well.”

The men’s team placed fourth overall behind Arkansas-Little Rock, North Texas and Middle Tennessee State.

Freshman Bethuel Kiplagat was the highest finisher for

Western, placing fifth with a time of 25:32.96 on the five-mile course. Freshman Cosmas Bor finished seventh in 25:58.95. Both runners were selected to the all-Sun Belt team.

Long received yet another accolade to add to his illustrious career on the Hill, garnering his 31st Sun Belt Conference coach-of-the-year award in his 27 years as head coach of the track and field and cross-country teams.

“I felt like all along, any coach-of-the-year honor goes to the athletes,” he said. “Because you can’t get there without the athletes. It’s not an individual award by any means, it’s an award that

reflects on the athletes as well as the (assistant) coaches.”

Western will take a week off and head north up Interstate 65 to Louisville for the NCAA Southeast Regional cross-country meet at E.P. “Tom” Sawyer Park.

Long said that with the NCAA taking only so many teams and runners, his teams’ chances are minimal for qualifying.

“On the women’s side, Janet Jesang has good chance,” he said. “I would just like to see us maximize our opportunities on men’s side and have a good meet.”

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OFFENSE

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Western’s defense was able to force the Eagles into three turnovers. It has forced 11 turnovers over the past four games.

The defense set the pace on the second play of the contest. Junior linebacker Ben Sowders intercepted a pass off his own deflection. Sowders also assisted in five tackles.

The Toppers’ second forced turnover came 11 minutes later off an interception by senior defensive back Bo Smith.

Western collected its third and final forced turnover when sophomore defensive back Jihad Morris intercepted the ball with 8:03 left in the fourth quarter.

All 14 of North Carolina Central’s points came in the first half.

The Eagles displayed some frustration early in the fourth quarter when senior defensive back Derrick Ray was ejected for throwing a punch at a Western player following a 14-yard rush by Booker.

Despite forcing three turnovers, senior lineabacker Andre Lewis said he thinks the defense did not come out and play well.

“I believe we underestimated them,” Lewis said. “We came out just expecting they were just going to lay down on us. Second half we got those things corrected and we finished.”

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DEBUT

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Magley said. “It was just amazing to run out there for the first time.”

Senior forward Boris Siakam and freshman forward Steffphon Pettigrew led the White team with nine points each.

Both teams played short-handed because of injuries. Sophomore forward Jeremy Evans, senior forward Mike Walker and junior guard Orlando Mendez-Valdez all sat out the game.

Horn said that for the most part the injuries are minor and nagging things and added they should be back soon.

The Toppers will be without the services of sophomore forward Adarius Pegues, who is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Horn said he was happy with the intensity, knowing only 12 of the 16 players participated in the scrimmage.

“I think overall they did a good job,” Horn said. “We’ve got a long way to go and a lot of things to get better at.”

Senior guard Courtney Lee finished with 11 points for the Red team and felt like they

played pretty well.

“We need to pick it up more on the defensive end,” Lee said. “I think it was just the opening jitters.”

While the intensity was pretty true to a real game, the minutes in which the players played weren’t.

Four players for the Red team played all 20 minutes. Siakam was the only one to play all 20 for the White team.

“That is just not going to happen in a real game situation,” Horn said. “Courtney is not going to play for 20 straight minutes in a real game situation this year with the way we want to play.”

The Toppers open up with an exhibition against Campbellsville at 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Diddle Arena.

Donations taken for Rumph charities

Donations were being accepted at the door to go towards the Danny Rumph Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Daniel E. Rumph II Foundation.

Rumph, a former Topper, died in the summer of 2005 playing in a pick-up game in Philadelphia.

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MIDTERM

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Averaging over 15,000 fans per contest is a feat in itself for a stadium that seats 17,500 and has only seen three sellouts in the last six seasons. All three of which featured an opponent with the initials E-K-U.

The task will get a little more trying in the near future. The current expansion of Smith Stadium to a two-sided complex will bump the seating to 23,500 beginning next season.

Along with the Toppers’ solid play and current 5-3 record, there are definite reasons to think this FBS transition will work smoother than expected.

Though this past weekend in the Toppers 50-14 demolition of North Carolina Central, the fans were again looking a little spotty in the stands. The announced crowd of 15,122 was...we’ll call

it a generous number.

This could be a product of the late start. In Western’s first two home games this season, kickoff was scheduled for 4 p.m. and 2 p.m. Both games fielded nice-sized crowds.

Saturday’s game didn’t get underway until 6 p.m. By then, students have had their fill of food and beverage and are ready to call it a day and head in to rest up for the night.

The final two home games of the season against Troy and Morehead State are both scheduled for 4 p.m. kickoffs, a decent time for November football, weather-wise.

But the fans have to continue to show up if the school wants to succeed in this transitional journey.

Topper fans, good work, but there is room for improvement. Grade: B+.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Red cards, Panthers take down Tops

RYAN CAREY
Herald reporter

The atmosphere at Saturday’s contest with Eastern Illinois rivaled that of a European soccer match.

Red cards, fouls and player and fan ejections swept over the WKU Soccer Complex in Western’s 3-1 loss.

Western (2-11-4, 0-4-1 Missouri Valley Conference) and Eastern Illinois (10-4-3, 2-2-1 MVC) combined for 27 fouls in the Toppers’ 3-1 loss on Saturday.

“It was a tough match for our guys,” Coach David Holmes said. “I feel bad for the guys, but not all is lost and done.”

The Toppers fell behind 1-0 early in the match, but junior forward Benard Airo scored a goal in the 15th minute to knot the score.

Eastern Illinois posted two more goals in the first half to cap the scoring.

In between all of that scoring, there was a lot of stoppage by head referee Victor Petroni, who handed out a total of 11 yellow cards and two red cards throughout the match.

“(Eastern Illinois) came back and got another goal,” freshman defender Ian Smith said. “And from there the referee kind of started affecting the game. He wouldn’t let the game flow.”

Red cards were given to Airo and Eastern Illinois’ Patrick Mabeya in the 22nd minute of the match after an altercation.

Only Airo was ejected. Petroni said later that he had



ALEX SLITZ/HERALD

Senior midfielder Travis Garner keeps his claim on the ball in Saturday’s game against Eastern Illinois. Western lost 3-1.

made a mistake and meant to give Mabeya a yellow card.

Airo’s ejection left Western a man down for the rest of the match.

“I think everyone can say that (the officiating) was pretty awful,” sophomore defender Tim Muessig said.

The match was held on the Toppers’ “Alumni Day,” but it was not exactly the welcome a group of former Western soccer players were hoping for.

About twenty former players were thrown out by Petroni for heckling the opposing goalie.

The ejections were not the only thing that had an effect on the match. Muessig said the amount of fouls being called disrupted the rhythm of the game for both sides.

“Time stopped sometimes (for) 5-10 minutes and just halted play,” Muessig said. “(The referee) just didn’t let us play a college soccer (match) to be honest.”

The chances for the Toppers to make it into the Missouri Valley Conference tournament became slimmer following Saturday’s loss. A Missouri State loss on the same night left

the Toppers with hope.

The Toppers must win their final conference match at Bradley on Nov. 10 and will have to be coupled with Missouri State losses to Evansville and Drake in the coming week.

First, Western travels to Mercer for a 6 p.m. match on Saturday.

“The challenges are to just keep everyone up and to keep their spirits up,” Holmes said.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Western remains unbeaten after wild weekend

KORI FARR
Herald reporter

Clutch performances and lifetime best times keyed Western’s victory in the Golden Grizzly Quad Meet on Saturday in Rochester, Mich.

The Toppers (4-0) and Lady Toppers (4-0) took home the team titles, defeating Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis 182-59, Oakland 127-114, and Wayne State 191-32.

The Lady Toppers defeated IUPUI 205-38, Oakland 137-106, and Wayne State 193-50.

“It was a great meet,” Coach Bruce Marchionda said. “We had a couple of lifetime bests, which is really rare at this time of year.”

The meet came down to the last event on the men’s side. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of freshman Greg Gerum, sophomore Lukasz Herbst, senior Brian Lewis, and senior Francis Gilmore swam a time of 3:04.66, capturing the overall victory on the men’s side.

The Toppers were able to collect second-place performances in diving from both sophomore Peyton Thomas (269.85 points) in the 3-meter dive, and junior Emily Waits (225.10) in the one-meter dive.

Marchionda said another

major turnaround occurred when Herbst pulled off a victory in the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 46.63, despite swimming with an injured ankle.

The meet came down to the last two events for the Lady Toppers. The 200-yard breast stroke and the 400-yard free-style relay.

Sophomore Brittany Doss won the event with a time of 2:24.02. The team of freshman Claire Donahue, freshman Kaitlyn Casper, sophomore Jessica Aspinall, and senior Mallory Neltner captured the 400 free relay with a time of 3:32.07.

“Before going into the race we all just tried to get as hyped up as possible,” Casper said. “We just didn’t hold back, and once it was over with we were very excited. It was actually really nice to be on the winning end of things, especially with the way that the meet had gone all day.”

Western will compete next on Saturday at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

“Georgia Tech will be tougher,” assistant coach Rita Kalmikova said. “But with the times we swam this past weekend, it should worry them a little bit.”

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CODY DUTY/HERALD

Sophomore midfielder Megan Meinke attempts for a header against a Denver defender during Sunday’s game. The Toppers fell to Denver 2-1 in double overtime. Their next game is Sunday at 6 p.m.

Loss

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The score remained tied until the second overtime, when a goal by forward Mariah Johnston sealed the win for the Pioneers.

The loss was the first of the season in conference for Western and helped move Middle Tennessee State into second place in the Sun Belt standings.

Another overtime match preceeded Sunday’s contest, coming in the form of a 1-0 victory over North Texas on Friday.

“We knew going in that North Texas was a very athletic and very aggressive team,” Neidell said. “We knew it was going to be a battle for 90 minutes or more.”

The teams played even for the entire match, each getting off 12 total shots. A header from sophomore defender Morgan Thomas in the seventh minute

of overtime clenched the match for the Lady Toppers.

“Coach told us that if we kept the intensity up they were eventually going to let down,” Thomas said. “He just told us to keep pushing and keep our composure. The time came and we capitalized on it.”

Despite the loss to Denver, the Lady Toppers’ conference record assures them of at least a share of the Sun Belt regular season championship.

The match with MTSU will determine the regular season champion of the SBC and the seeding for the conference tournament.

“Hopefully, any time you lose, it’s motivation to get back on the right track for the next game,”

— Jason Neidell
Coach

The Lady Toppers regular season concludes at 6 p.m. on Friday against Middle Tennessee at the WKU Soccer Complex.

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VOLLEYBALL

No excuses, just a chance to improve

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Coach Travis Hudson has talked about a season having ‘its high times and its low times.’

Hudson is calling right now a defining time.

Perhaps what the Lady Toppers did define this weekend was “rapid improvement.”

Western was held to a .100 hitting percentage in a 3-0 (23-30, 19-30, 21-30) loss to Florida International on Friday at Diddle Arena.

“FIU was pretty much perfect,” junior setter Julia Noe said. “They were pretty much perfect in the aspect of how they played.”

No Lady Topper had a hitting percentage higher than sophomore outside hitter Brittany Bowen’s .194 hitting percentage. She also led the team with 11 kills.

It was the first time the Lady Toppers had been swept at home by a Sun Belt Conference opponent since Sept. 25, 1998, when

they were swept by Arkansas-Little Rock.

Hudson wasn’t making excuses for the loss.

“I’m looking for the answers,” Hudson said.

For a moment against Florida Atlantic on Saturday, it looked as if it was going to be the same song, different verse offensively. Western opened the match with a .167 hitting percentage in a game one win against the Owls.

Then things improved. “Game two started and I felt a lot better about setting and my confidence,” Noe said.

The Lady Toppers went on a 18-4 run to end game two. No Owl had more than one kill in Western’s 30-10 victory in game two. FAU’s 10 points were the lowest of any of Western’s opponents this season.

“We got some things going and we found something to feel good about,” Hudson said. “And it just kind of took off from there.”

Freshman middle hitter

Emily Teegarden and junior middle hitter Megan Argabright walked away with plenty to feel good about.

Teegarden started her third match of the season in place of senior middle hitter Jenna Gideon, who is out with a shoulder injury. Teegarden finished with a career-high 12 kills and an .800 hitting percentage.

“Emily Teegarden was a beast,” Argabright said. “She went out there and she just did what she usually does. She plays her game, she was big and she touched a lot of balls and she did what we needed her to do. I’m very proud of her.”

Argabright hit a career-high .750, while Teegarden put herself near the top of the school record books. Her .800 was the second highest behind Crystal Towler’s .810 against Delaware on Sept. 7, 2002.

“I have no problem with (Teegarden) being on the floor at all,” Hudson said. “She was certainly not the reason why

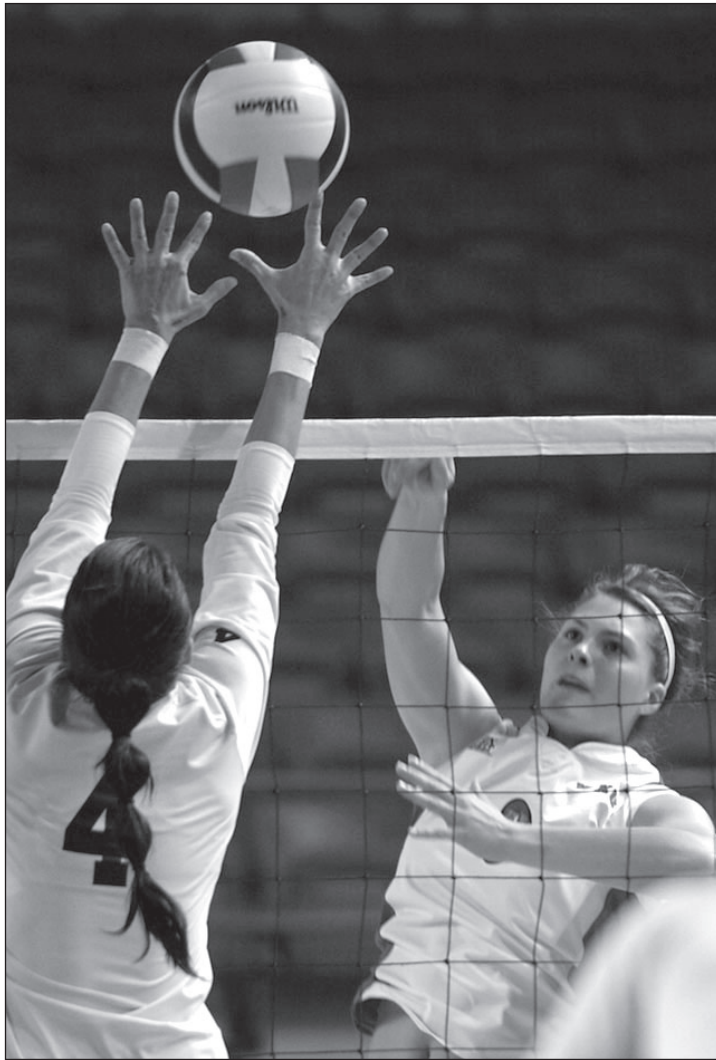
we struggled (Saturday) and she played terrific (Sunday).”

The Lady Toppers have three more matches against Sun Belt East competition. They are currently a game behind Middle Tennessee State in the standings but will play them at MTSU on Nov. 9.

“This team just has to answer the bell competitively,” Hudson said. “We still haven’t quite gotten over that hump, and we’ve got three more weeks to figure that out.”

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Western sophomore outside hitter Brittany Bowen had 4 kills during Saturday’s match against Florida Atlantic and 11 kills during Friday’s match against Florida International. Western beat Florida Atlantic after a three-game sweep, but fell to Florida International 3-0.



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FOOTBALL



ALEX SLITZ/HERALD

Western football players start off their game against North Carolina Central on Saturday with fireworks. Western won 50-14.

‘O’ yeah

Explosive offense keys victory

WILL PERKINS
Herald reporter

Sophomore punter Jeremy Moore did not leave Western’s sideline on Saturday. He didn’t have to. Western never punted the ball. The Toppers (5-3) scored on every possession in their 50-14 victory over North Carolina Central (6-3) on Saturday. Western returns to action at 1 p.m. Saturday at Chattanooga (2-6). For the second straight week, the Toppers put up at least 50 points. They collected a season-high 538 yards of total offense, holding the Eagles to 333. “I thought we were extremely efficient and we played as well as we’ve played on offense all year,” Coach David Elson said. “We had a plan and I thought our guys came out and executed that plan.” Junior quarterback David Wolke went 9-for-11 for 138 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 30 yards and a touchdown. Wolke’s counterpart, redshirt freshman quarterback K.J. Black, contributed 72 total yards.

“The offensive line played a really good game, (the) running backs ran well and receivers were blocking well,” Wolke said. “Everybody played a really good football game.” Western’s rushing game accounted for 373 yards and five touchdowns. Five different running backs recorded yards in the contest. Sophomore running back Tyrell Hayden led the team with 88 yards and two touchdowns. Hayden gained over half of those yards on a 50-yard touchdown run with 5 minutes left in the first half. It was the Toppers’ longest play from scrimmage this season. “The 50-yard touchdown, it was a slow play,” Hayden said with a smile. “It took me a while to get to the other side. The offensive linemen up front did a great job with just staying with their blocks and let me read off them to make the run.” Junior running back Stephen Willis and sophomore running back Marell Booker combined for 121 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

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David Elson, Coach

CROSS COUNTRY

Lady Tops win SBC at home

DAVID HARTEN
Herald reporter

Western’s women’s cross-country team temporarily reversed a common myth on Saturday. They made the number 13 lucky. The Lady Toppers captured the 13th Sun Belt Conference cross-country championship in school history as sophomore Janet Jesang paced the field at Kereiakes Park en route to an individual title and Sun Belt performer-of-the-meet honors. “Janet Jesang was simply outstanding,” Head Coach Curtiss Long said. “She took control of the race early and paced it. In many ways, her time will be a course record, because we made a lot of course changes ... I was very pleased with the way people stepped up.” The win gave the Lady Toppers their second consecutive conference crown. Jesang won the race with a time of 17:28.29 on the 5,000-meter course. Sophomore Eimear O’Brien and senior Natalie Leeper joined her in the top ten, finishing seventh and ninth with times of 18:15.53 and 18:29.50, respectively. Long said Leeper and senior Heather Colter’s performances were very impressive due to the fact that they have been under the weather for some time in the past week.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Conference loss means title turmoil

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

Before Sunday, the last time the Lady Toppers lost, there were still three weeks left to go in summer, the NFL was just starting play, and Britney Spears still had full custody of her kids. “It was rough, We’re not used to losing,” freshman forward Amanda Buechel said. The Lady Toppers’ (13-1-2, 8-1-1 Sun Belt) lost for the first time since since Sept. 9, dropping a 2-1 double-overtime contest to Denver on Senior Day. The loss snapped the Lady Toppers’ 13-match unbeaten streak. “I don’t think our concentration was sharp enough,” Coach Jason Neidell said. “And our effort wasn’t good enough. We picked a really bad time to play our worst half of soccer of the season in the first half.” Despite an early goal from Buechel in the sixth minute, the Pioneers (9-4-4, 6-2-2 Sun Belt Conference) bounced back with a goal nearly three minutes later to make it 1-1.

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COLUMN

Attendance midterm report: So far, so good



OUTSIDE THE ‘BOX
David Harten

Alright Topper fans, pencils down. The time on your midterm exam is up. Your assignment was to fill Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium with an average of 15,000 fans this season to help fulfill a requirement Western football must meet to join the Football Bowl Subdivision by 2009, and become a full-fledged member of the Sun Belt Conference. This was a requirement that, when mulling it over — as both a sportswriter and a fellow student present at most games in my three years here — seemed like a difficult task. But suffice it to say, through three of Western’s five slated home games this season, the city of Bowling Green and Western student body can give themselves a proverbial pat on the

back. You did your homework. This season in home games against West Virginia Tech, Eastern Kentucky, and North Carolina Central, the community has filled Smith Stadium with an average of 16,728 fans. That’s just above the required amount, but considering the fanbase only filled an average of 9,067 seats last season, it’s not bad. It seems that no longer are the Topper faithful interested in just grilling, drinking, playing cornhole and conveniently forgetting about the main reason they’re lining the Avenue of Champions on a Saturday afternoon. The point being, this is something that must continue if anyone who is associated with the school wants to see Western winning Sun Belt championships and cutting bowl game paychecks in the near future.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL



DANIEL HOUGHTON/HERALD

Junior forward Matt Maresca attempts to steal the ball from senior forward Boris Siakam during Thursday’s Red vs. White scrimmage. Maresca finished with 11 points in the Red team’s 43-33 win.

Toppers make debut in scrimmage

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

For the last few years, the Toppers’ public debut at Diddle Arena was “hysteria.” This year, coach Darrin Horn called the first practice under the lights “productive.” In the end, though, it was the red team that led all the way, prevailing 43-33 in the 20-minute scrimmage.

Horn took advantage of the opportunity to watch the scrimmage from behind the scorer’s table, while letting assistant Scott Cherry coach the red team and assistant Cyphus Bunton coach the White team. “I think we did what we wanted to do,” Horn said. “Obviously, you’re gonna have some slippage when you get them out under the lights, especially when you’re play-

ing a lot of young guys.” One of those young guys played particularly well. Freshman forward D.J. Magley had 12 points, three rebounds and two blocks in his first night in front of the Western crowd. “My first experience was, I don’t know, it’s hard to say, I can’t put it into words,”

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